

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**JUNE 17, 2015**

Members in Attendance: Cynthia DeAngelis, Susan James, Michael Rademacher, Maureen St. Hilaire, Beverly Bevilacqua, Susan Tenant Kerrie Fallon

Members Absent: John Thompson

Others Present: Jack Jones, ADA Coordinator, Carol Kowalski, Director of Planning & Community Development

### **Meeting Minutes May 20, 2015:**

Cynthia DeAngelis made a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2015. SO VOTED

### **Commission Membership:**

Jack Jones said that Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager, has a recommended Patrick Quinn, a local businessman, to the Board of Selectmen to fill the last open position on the Commission.

### **Town Day 2015:**

The Commission voted not to prepare a newsletter this year for Town Day. The Commission did vote to distribute a promotional item with a brochure about the Commission at Town Day. Cynthia DeAngelis suggested hiring individuals to present a puppet show about disabilities at Town Day. Cynthia said that she would obtain more information regarding a puppet show prior to the Commission's next meeting.

### **Accessibility Plans for Senior Center Building:**

Carol Kowalski, Director of Planning & Community Development, discussed several ideas for providing handicapped parking at the Senior Center Building. In addition Carol talked about removing bricks near the entry door to the Senior Center Building on the Maple Street side of the building and replacing these bricks with a smoother surface.

### **ADA Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Celebration:**

Members agreed to submit an article to the Arlington Advocate recognizing the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Celebration. The article would include some of the many accomplishments of the Commission on Disability since it was established in November 1993. Also create would be given to the Selectmen and other Town officials for their support and efforts in making Arlington a more accessible community.

**Curb Cut Ramp Project:**

Michael Rademacher said that The Department of Public Works in conjunction with its contractor, LaRovere Design/Build Corp., LLC has been installing during this year's construction season ADA compliant handicapped ramps at various intersections in Arlington. Michael said that this work in addition to ramps includes detectable warning panels, level landings and transition areas to the existing sidewalks and grades. Michael said that this work would include modifications to existing curb lines, sidewalks and grass strips. Michael said that construction will be completed by the end of the 2015 construction season.

**Thank You Letter for Representative Sean Garballey:**

Maureen St. Hilaire sent a letter to Representative Garballey thanking him for attending the May Commission Meeting and sharing much useful information with the Commission regarding Disability Legislation. The Commission appreciated all that Representative Garballey has done to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities. The Commission recognized at their meeting that Representative Garballey had been named the House legislative member of the year by the ARC of Massachusetts and the Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Council for his work on Disability legislation. The Arlington Disability Commission agreed that Representative Garballey deserved all the recognition he received.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.